

N386 *Field Border*

Purpose

1. To protect soil and water quality.
2. Reduce erosion from wind and water.

Applicability

Applies around the perimeter of fields; can support or connect other buffer practices within and between fields.

Erosion Requirements

Practice has no erosion requirements.

Specifications

The completed practice must meet the NRCS Standards and Specifications for Critical Area Planting (342), Vegetation Establishment, Herbaceous Seeding (723), Field Border (386), and Forage and Biomass Harvest Management (511) contained in the Field Office Technical Guide.

Policies

1. Only the acreage converted from cropland to permanent vegetative cover is eligible for the out of production incentive for this practice.
2. The field borders can be hayed or mowed according to the Forage and Biomass Harvest Management (511) standard. Limited grazing is allowed as incidental use when crop field residue is being grazed after harvest.
3. Land coming out of CRP would not qualify for the incentive.
4. When field slope exceeds five percent, end rows shall be eliminated and crops shall be planted on the contour.
5. The maximum width for the incentive is 60 feet; the minimum is 30 feet. In areas where the field border exceeds 60 feet, the incentive will be based on 60 feet.
6. The field border out of production incentive cannot be paid on more than 25% of the acreage contained in the field. However, landowners can receive cost-share for establishing permanent vegetative cover on more than 25% of field.
7. Field borders can be utilized for minimal equipment use when conditions allow.
8. ***Cost-share is authorized for:***
 - a. A one time out of production incentive.
 - b. Critical Area Seeding. Permanent vegetative cover based on the Critical Area Seeding component.
 - c. Fields that currently contain small grain/ row crops are eligible to have a field border established.
 - d. Buffer Extension Incentive, under the conditions listed in Section V, subsection G.

Maximum State Cost-Share

1. Assistance for components is limited to 75% of the county average cost, not to exceed the state average cost.
2. A one time out of production incentive can not exceed \$600 per acre.

Map Requirements

A map that displays the completed practice must be scanned and attached as a document type "Map" in MoSWIMS prior to contract payment submission.

Technical Responsibilities

Technical staff has the responsibility for determining the need for the practice, for design of the practice based upon the minimum extent necessary, and to certify that the completed practice meets NRCS standards and specifications within commission policy.

Acres Served

Acreage of drainage.

Extent Installed

Acres planted.

Maintenance Life

10 years.